

I was intrigued by a Christmas story in the New York Times reporting an argument between the steel industry and the Office of Price Stabilization.

The Washington politicians, bidding for union labor's vote, say steel should grant another wage increase without raising prices. The politicians claim the industry will earn 2.6 billion dollars before taxes this year, which, they say, is 1.2 billions above the standard used by the government to determine whether price ceilings are fair.

The answering crack from U. S. Steel was: "There is no such thing as 'earnings before taxes.'"

And I think in this particular exchange of pleasantries the politicians came off a poor second. There are some ominous figures piling in 1951 for all kinds of business clear across America which bear out the truth of U. S. Steel's contention—that taxes are dragging the profit margin clear under.

The same New York Times reported as early as December 9 that whereas the first three quarters of 1950 showed progressively higher profits for all American industry the same three quarters in 1951 have shown progressively lower profits. On the year 1951 through September 30 corporate earnings were down 10 per cent from 1950, and the Times said regardless how good operating profit turned out to be in the final quarter the total comparison for 1951 against 1950 would be even worse after final correction for taxes.

In the nine-months report the Times reported specifically a 21 per cent drop in the profits of the steel companies notwithstanding their sales being at an all-time peak.

The same dismal story appears in all lines of business. The December 9 article in the Times probed the records of 60 manufacturing divisions in eight major groups, and came up with the discovery that all of them showed profit declines for the first nine months of this year against 1950. Here are some sample percentage declines:

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Interstate Group to Study River Plan

Little Rock, Dec. 28 (AP)—Federal government authorizations and appropriations for developing the Arkansas River during 1952 will be discussed when the Arkansas-Oklahoma Interstate Water Resources Committee meets at Fort Smith Jan. 8.

Arkansas River development representatives in Kansas also will participate. Committee members from Oklahoma and Arkansas expected to attend are:

J. C. Murray of Little Rock; Newton R. Graham of Tulsa, chairman of the Oklahoma City, of the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board.

Others to attend are J. W. Hull of Russellville, Ark., and Fred B. Smith of Dardanelle, Ark., president and executive secretary respectively of the Arkansas River Basin Association; and Clarence F. Byrnes of Fort Smith, editor of the Southwest American and Times Record and a member of the Basin Association's Executive Committee.

Understudies

London, Dec. 28 (AP)—Three understudies were given a chance today to take top billing at the circus and they hopped at it.

The stars they replaced had been stolen along with their chariots, police reported.

The flea circus proprietor has offered a 10 pounds \$28 reward for the missing performers.

Markets

By The Associated Press

Grain prices dropped a bit today in slow trading. Hog prices were steady to 50 cents or more lower while cattle were mostly steady.

Cotton futures opened eighty-five cents a bale lower to thirty-five cents higher. Wholesale meat was mostly unchanged.



Surplus Farm Crops Missing; Plan Defended

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Brannan was said today to have told congressional leaders he would welcome a formal investigation of his agency's handling of 10 billion dollars worth of surplus farm products.

Officials said the department already furnished Chairman Ellender (D-La.) of the senate agriculture committee information on three types of operations under criticism in recent months.

Ellender and Senator Aiken (R-Vt.), senior Republican member of the senate committee, have said they will ask for a congressional inquiry.

In involved in the criticism has been the storage of grain, dry beans, dried milk, butter, soybeans and some other commodities which the department acquired under its farm price support program during big crop years of 1948-1949 and 1950.

Officials said fully 10 billion dollars worth of such commodities, belonging to the government moved through commercial storage facilities under contracts with the department. A resume of the operations was given by department officials who asked not to be named.

In all, the department has storage contracts with about 15,000 private concerns. The department said investigations indicate that possibly 25, but more likely fewer than that, have violated their contracts by converting the government commodities to their own use, mostly by selling them in speculative operations.

The department has taken action in six cases and may soon take similar action in two other cases. In addition 14 other cases of apparent shortages in government stocks are being investigated and 29 are being looked into for small losses which may involve nothing more than normal shrinkage in grain—losses which would be covered by bonds and storage payments due the concerns.

Officials said maximum losses in cases where storage concerns have converted commodities to their own use will not be more than five million dollars and probably less than half that amount. Final losses will be determined by receivership suits.

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British Cancel Order for Texas Cotton

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28 (AP)—Cotton men here say that British cancellation of an order for 125,000 bales of Texas cotton might have a most depressing effect on the market.

The American Cotton Shippers Association was notified by the letter yesterday that the British Raw Cotton Commission has temporarily stopped shipment because of what it called "poor quality and unsatisfactory shipments" from Texas.

The purchase of all foreign cotton brought into England is directed by the commission.

Richard Thorpe commission buying agent, said the decision to withhold buying of Texas cotton involves 53 shippers and 42,000 bales for each of the months of January, February and March.

Gerald Dearing, cotton editor of The Commercial Appeal, said spokesmen for the cotton trade condemned the British charges as giving a "bad name" to Texas cotton.

Cotton men were contending that the British action could have a most depressing effect on the market because the shippers already have prepared the order for export and must move it.

The letter urged sellers of Texas cotton to "regain the commission's confidence" by renegotiating the contracts giving the buyer a chance to reject shipments if found necessary.

The cotton trade spokesmen said the British have bought the cotton and have fixed the price and now are asking for substitutions.

One British broker in Liverpool denounced the commission's action as "high handed."

Thorpe said he will come here shortly to discuss fully what arrangements can be made to put matters right.

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POWs PASS TIME OF DAY — This photo, from a Chinese Communist source, shows two U. S. prisoners-of-war playing chess some where in North Korea with crudely cut pieces, while other prisoners kibitz. Only the chess players are identified. They are: M/Sgt. C. B. Covington of St. Louis, Mo., left, and Maj. Paul V. Liles of Birmingham, Ala. Maj. Liles was captured in October while attached to the 6th Republic of Korea Division. (Eastphoto via NEA Telephoto)

Bridewell Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Initiates 52 Local Youths Thursday

The Bridewell chapter, order of DeMolay, had its charter initiation and installation Thursday afternoon and night at the masonic hall and auditorium of the Junior High School.

The Prescott chapter under the supervision of O. R. Penchey did the initiatory work. Approximately 52 boys from this area took the degrees and this is believed to be the second largest class in the history of Arkansas DeMolay over a period of 30 years.

Visitors besides the Prescott chapter were from Arkadelphia, Hot Springs, Conway and Little Rock. The visiting DeMolay dignitaries were Dr. Theodore Freedman, member of Grand Council; Jack W. Nutt, Adjutant of Grand Council; Bill Kinneil, District Deputy; Carl Underwood, State Master Counselor; and E. A. Rippey, state dad of DeMolay.

There were approximately 250 spectators at the night session in the auditorium to observe the impressive installation ceremonies. Teddy Jones made the welcome address to the visitors and Harry Shiver gave a history of the man after whom the chapter was named.

The installation of officers followed by the "Flower Talk" by Rodney Hamilton Jr. of Prescott in honor of the mothers present. Miss Neida Thompson was then presented as the chapter sweetheart.

The visiting dignitaries were high in their praise for the fine group of boys taken in. Dr. Freedman said that 30 years of working with DeMolay he had never seen as alert and intelligent group as this one.

Regular meeting nights are yet to be determined but it is hoped to meet at least once a week. DeMolay officials feel that in order to function properly the chapter should meet as often as possible in order to keep interest alive.

New officers are as follows: Master Counselor, James Russell; Senior Counselor, Donald Weaver; Junior Counselor, Bill Deagan; Treasurer, Clyde Monts, Jr.; Scribe, Donald Hobbs; Senior Deacon, Donald McQueen; Junior Deacon, Morris Kennedy; Senior Steward, Gene Smiley; Junior Steward, Henry Lile; Chaplain, Jim Yocum; Almoner, Jack White; Marshall, J. M. Hurd; Standard Bearer, Tommy Doyle; Orator, Billy Gentry; Sentinel, Don Browning; First Preceptor, Horace Fuller; Second Preceptor, James Robert Fuller; Third Preceptor, Dee Coffee; Fourth Preceptor, John Gilbert; Fifth Preceptor, Irvin Taunton; Sixth Preceptor, Charles Crider; Seventh Preceptor, Joe Don Willis.

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Two Autos Are Damaged in Wreck

Automobiles driven by Mrs. Wes Ninemire and Bill Holt collided late yesterday at Elm and 14th Streets. Nobody was hurt but both vehicles were damaged considerably. The door of the Ninemire car was smashed and the Holt vehicle had headlight, fender and grill damage.

Mrs. Cook Said to Be Resting Well

Mrs. Roxie Cook who underwent an operation to reset a broken hip yesterday, was reported "resting well" today. Mrs. Cook broke her hip in a fall at her home Wednesday.

Since the U. S. Mint opened in 1792 it has struck gold, silver and minor coins valued at more than \$7 billion.

Prescott Telephone Exchange Seeks to Refinance

Little Rock, Dec. 28 (AP)—A refinancing application by the Southwestern Associated Telephone Company was taken under advisement yesterday by the Arkansas Public Service commission.

The phone firm operates exchanges in Texarkana, Prescott, Augusta, Cotton Plant, Wheatley, Marvel, McCrory, Waldo and Blevins.

It wants to issue \$4 million dollars in principal amount bonds and sell 36,000 shares of stock at \$25 a share.

Proceeds are to be used to pay back funds used by the company in property improvements during the year.

Churchill to Seek Exchange of Atom Data

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill probably urged a greater exchange of atomic information between the United States and Britain during his far-reaching conference with President Truman.

Atomic energy is among the dozen topics he has told the American government he wants to take up in the course of his visit here, starting late next week.

Both Britain and Canada, with the U. S. had a partnership in atomic bomb development during the war, have long felt tight American restrictions on atomic secrets were hampering developments in that field.

Any change in these restrictions, however, would require not only approval by the President but action by congress. Whether either of these conditions will be met in the predictable future is something on which informed officials here will not even speculate.

More than two years ago the American, British and Canadian governments opened negotiations to see whether they could work out a formula for enlarging the exchange of atomic information and in a limited way, at least, revive the cooperative effort of World War II days. Then scientists of all three countries joined their efforts and knowledge to produce the first atomic bomb.

Those negotiations were shelved after the notorious Klaus Fuchs spy case broke in Britain in February 1950. Fuchs, one of Britain's top atomic experts, pleaded guilty to giving secrets to Russia. Since that time there has been, so far as is publicly known, no serious effort to reopen the negotiations.

The topics which Churchill has reportedly sent to Washington as an indication of what he wants to talk about here cover the general fields of foreign affairs, economic matters and defense of the West. They embrace difficulties and controversies of world-wide importance.

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UN Believes 450 Prisoners Died in Camps

Munsan, Korea, Dec. 28 (AP)—The U. N. Command said today at least 450 American soldiers have died in North Korean prison camps.

An official communique said that 77 per cent of United Nations troops known to have been imprisoned in rear areas and not accounted for in last week's list of living prisoners.

Simultaneously the Communists indicated a complete list of living U. N. prisoners already is in Allied hands.

The 450 soldiers were not among those listed on the Communist roster of 11,559 prisoners. They apparently were among 571 Americans the Reds said Wednesday had died of disease or were killed by Allied air raids or artillery fire.

The U. N. Command said its announcement was based on a study of the Reds' Wednesday report.

"We must presume they died in prisoner camps," said Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, official U. N. spokesman. "This is the first time we have had knowledge of any deaths in prison camps."

North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho hinted Friday a Panmunjom the Reds would report that many other Americans, not yet accounted for, had died of disease or exposure in prison camps.

Rear Adm. R. E. Libby quoted Lee as saying "we must remember that Americans are not accustomed to this climate and are susceptible to local diseases, so it wouldn't be surprising if a large number died of disease."

The U. N. communique Friday said: "Seventy-seven per cent of the U. N. soldiers who were captured, taken to rear area prison camps and later announced by the Communists as prisoners of war have since died an analysis of data received on 28 December discloses. Of the 585 men known to have reached the rear, though later bogged down by their lack of their families' announcements in Communist publications and through Geneva, 450 are now dead."

The communique reference to 77 per cent had no relation to the list of 11,559 prisoners announced last week. It concerned only a group of 585 men not listed there.

The Allied announcement increased neither the number of known dead nor captured. It was part of the U. N. effort to pinpoint exactly what has happened to every Allied soldier captured by the Reds.

The U. N. Command said it knows that of 357 American soldiers for which the Reds still have made no accounting, at least 135 reached rear area prison camps. Aside from listing at the fate of American prisoners whose names failed to appear on the Red roster, Communist negotiators offered no further accounting of some 50,000 captured soldiers the U. N. says have not been listed.

Church Group to Meet at Bethany, Spring Hill

The 5th Sunday conference which meets at Bethany-Spring Hill on Dec. 29 and 30 plans the following program:

Saturday Morning 10 a.m. Devotional, Bro. Carl Willis, Alternate, Bro. Jim Warren.

11 Sermon, Bro. Floyd Clark, Alternate, Bro. Elbert O'Steen.

Sunday Morning 10 Devotional, Bro. Glen Cannon. 11, Sermon, Bro. W. E. Thoma.

Sunday Afternoon Song and prayer service. Sermon, Speaker to be selected.

Oil Output in U. S. Sets Record

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 28 (AP)—The United States established a new record for oil well completions and drilling the first 11 months of 1951, the Oil and Gas Journal reports.

New wells totaled 40,535, an increase of 770 over the same 1950 period.

Drilling amounted to 156,321,665 feet, 7.9 per cent above last year. The number of oilers completed dropped 996 to 21,426, while dry holes totaled 18,429, up 11 per cent over 1950. This was attributed to increased exploration.

ALL FOR LOVE — Luciano Negrini, 42, and his bride, the former Claire Mary Young, 21, of Chicago, Ill., asive the Milan, Italy City Hall after their marriage in a civil ceremony. The groom, a former priest who broke his vows, and the bride, who renounced her American citizenship earlier this year, were automatically excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church. (NEA Telephoto)

Four American Airmen Freed by Hungary After Being Held for 40 Days

Ransom Incident Not Over by Any Means Officials of State Department Indicate

Washington, Dec. 28 (UP)—State Department officials today welcomed release of the four U. S. fliers downed in Communist Hungary but indicated they do not consider the incident by any means closed.

Hungary freed the fliers, forced down by Soviet fighters after they crossed the Hungarian and Soviet border, after keeping them imprisoned for 40 days.

The release followed U. S. agreement to pay \$120,000 fines assessed against the fliers after a secret trial on charges of intentional violation of Hungarian territory.

State department officials pointed out that the United States had denied repeatedly and strenuously Hungarian charges that the fliers were engaged in espionage. These denials, it was said, will not be withdrawn.

Red Hungary's record in the case is regarded here as "puppet blackmail" with Moscow pulling the strings. This government also feels that Hungary stalled on releasing the fliers to make propaganda and to embarrass the United States before the world.

American officials would not immediately say what retaliatory action will be taken against Hungary. There was no indication that this country is planning to sever diplomatic relations with the Soviet satellite.

The United States is determined, however, to put the record straight. So far it has done little publicly to answer Hungarian and Soviet charges. Its view has been that the first thing to do was to get the men released.

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Diplomats Meet Fliers as They Cross to Austria

Nickelsdorf, Austria, Dec. 28 (AP)—The four American airmen held by communist Hungary for 40 days, crossed the Austrian frontier back to freedom at 5:01 p. m., Austrian time, tonight.

Walter J. Donnelly, the U. S. ambassador in Vienna, came to the Austrian frontier to greet the fliers. The U. S. had agreed to pay \$120,000 in fines levied against the men on a charge of violating the Hungarian border. The fliers were promptly released.

The fliers were accompanied across the border by Lt. Col. William Alden Somerby, U. S. air attaché in the American Legation at Budapest, Somerby wore civilian clothing.

Upon reaching the Austrian side of the frontier, the fliers went into a police post building, accompanied by Donnelly and Col. John Gulllett, commander of the U. S. air force base at Tulln, along with other members of the American welcoming party.

The airmen wore their air force uniforms. The four fliers went into a room from which photographs and reporters were barred.

The airmen appeared tired. Donnelly brought the men through the border barrier. In his big car, bedecked with the American flag and his blue attaché case, he carried them to the hotel.

The fliers are: Capt. John J. Swift, of Tulsa, Okla., pilot; Capt. Dave "H. Henderson" Shawnee, Okla., copilot; T. Sgt. Jess A. Duff of Spokane, Wash., mechanic; Sgt. James A. Elam of Kingsland, Ark., radio man.

They were forced down near Papa, Hungary, Nov. 19 by Soviet fighter planes stationed in Communist-ruled Hungary under the World War II peace treaty. In a twin-engine C-47 they were enroute from Erding, Germany, to "Red grade, Yugoslavia, on a routine delivery of supplies when they reported themselves lost."

They were not heard from until Dec. 3 when "Russian" news agency, announced they had been forced down and were being held on charges of violating the Iron Curtain for the purpose of "planting spies and saboteurs." The United States denied the charges and demanded the fliers be released.

American diplomats in Budapest tried without success to get them Two days before Christmas, Hungary announced a secret military court had tried, convicted and sentenced the four fliers. They were ordered to pay a fine of \$120,000 each or spend 90 days in jail.

The air force planned to take the airmen to the American air base at Tulln, near Vienna, from there it was planned to fly them to their own base at Erding, near Munich, Germany.

For more than a week, the fliers remained in a room with the American officials. They drank coffee and ate sandwiches while Donnelly's party brought them the food. Two Russian officers were kept part in the track.

The point at which the fliers were released is 30 miles east of Vienna in the Soviet zone of Austria.

Red Casualties Over 1 1/2 Million

Washington, Dec. 28 (UP)—The army estimated today that enemy casualties in Korea from the beginning of the war through Dec. 27 now total about 1,547,000.

This is an increase of about 20,000 above the period through Dec. 5. The report estimates that enemy losses of war equipment total 70,

Weather to Get Milder, Is Prediction

By United Press

A severe cold wave gripped the eastern third of the nation today as the position of the weather front moved southward. The cold wave was predicted to dig itself out from under a record snowfall.

The cold wave north of upper New England, for the most part, registered below-zero readings with the lowest at Lebanon, N. H., where a chilly 26 degrees below was recorded at midnight.

The heavy weather stretched south to Florida and into the east, with Gulf states, Atlanta, Ga., reported 21, Tampa, Fla. 47 and New Orleans 14, a chilly 43.

But the Midwest and plains states had almost topmost deep snows of the past several weeks. It even looked like the temperature might get above freezing in Chicago which has been the center of a snow-freeze cycle for the past three weeks.

The city, choked with a record total of 35.5 inch snowfall since the blizzard began, called out its civil defense forces yesterday to dig the city out of its impenetrable blanket of snow.

The worst, "conat," particularly in northern California, had rain and warm weather troubles, however. Heavy rain from the mountains and continued heavy rains swelled the rivers in the area and floods were threatened on the El. Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. Port Bragg, Calif., had 48.00 inches of rain in 24 hours.

San Francisco blocked highway 101 between Wilkes, Calif., and halted traffic over the North Western Pacific bridge near Berkeley, Calif.

Two feet of water covered some highways in the area and the weather bureau said more rain was on its way.

Weathermen said that the long-range weather report should last at least two days. It crept up from the south and was moving westward.

The forecasters said it would be a relief to the west and that the weather would be by late tomorrow.



SCREENING PROCESS—If you're shopping for a mate the man to see in Werner Hampe in Munich, Germany. Hampe has a well-stocked film library of men and women interested in matrimony. A client merely sits in the privacy of the "Marriage Semifinal Studio" and waits for his dream girl to flash on the screen.

PRESCOTT NEWS

Friday, December 28

The OES will have public installation of incoming officers on Friday evening at 7:30 at the Masonic Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Sunday, December 30
The Pioneer group of the Presbyterian Church will meet on Sunday at 4:30 at the church. The Youth Fellowship will meet at 5:45. Supper will be served by Mrs. Harvey Moore and Mrs. T. C. McIlroy Jr.

The Young People of the Methodist Church will meet Sunday at 8 for worship, fellowship and recreation.

The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church will meet Sunday at 5 p.m. The training unit will meet at 6:30. Mrs. Harris Langley is the Training Unit director.

On Sunday at the Assembly of God Church the following services will be held at 7 p.m.: Young Peoples Service, Men's Council, W.M.C. Prayer meeting, Children's Service.

Presbyterian Tree and Program Christmas Eve
The annual Presbyterian Church School Christmas tree and program was held on Monday night in the Men's Fellowship room at 8:30 o'clock.

The Beginners department sang several Christmas carols. "Hallelujah The Redeemed Heindeer" was sung by the Intermediate and Junior departments. Little Miss Jane Kitchens played piano Christmas selections.

Mrs. Floyd Hubbard showed the sound film "The Golden Star" after which Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree that was decorated by the young people.

West Side Bank Window To Be Closed Dec. 31
Fred J. White, president of the Bank of Prescott, has announced that request from the Federal Deposit Insurance Company has necessitated closing of the West side offices of the Bank of Prescott.

West side offices will close on Monday, Dec. 31st. C. D. McSwain will assume duties as cashier on January 1, 1952 due to the resignation of Mr. O. J. Stephenson, cashier. Mr. Stephenson offered his resignation because of ill health.

Miss Mary Lou Thomas Honored
Miss Mary Lou Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas, was one of the eight new members of the Texarkana Country Club who were honored with a Christmas Eve ball on Monday evening at the Texarkana Country Club.

The new members entered under an arch of greenery and red satin bows. After they were introduced by the Master of Ceremonies they were met by their escorts and honored with the first dance. Harry Cox was the escort of Miss Thomas.

After the ball a breakfast in the home of Miss Alice Burrows was enjoyed. Miss Thomas, brother of Miss Thomas, also attended the ball.

Mrs. Madge Burgess had as her Christmas Day guests Mr. Carl Polk of Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff W. Polk, Columbia Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jameson and family of Smackover; Mrs. Russell Steggs and daughter, Caroline of Stephens, Miss.

Estelle Black and Mrs. Line Polk of McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Polk and family, Mr. and Mrs. Minor Polk and family, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Polk and family of Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duke had as their Tuesday dinner guests Owen

Field of Three Takes Over for GOP Nod

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—Now that they've tried their campaign hats on for size, three Republican candidates for the presidential nomination will burst into 1952, running as hard as they can.

This, of course, surprised no one because all three were expected to be candidates. They are: Senator Taft of Ohio, who announced Dec. 16, getting a jump on the others; Governor Wren of California, who announced Nov. 14; and Harold E. Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania and former governor of Minnesota who announced yesterday.

The field is by no means complete since others still can get in, particularly General Eisenhower who, however, may lose a little yardage by every week he delays.

But the Taft-Warren-Stassen campaign hats are not exactly new. All three tried for the nomination before which would indicate the White House is an attractive residence.

If they lose out this time to Eisenhower, perhaps, or some darkhorse who feels his oats at the Republican convention next summer—it probably will be the last race for all three.

They're getting older. And besides, in the eyes of the machine politicians who have to ring the precinct doorbells, the wear and tear of supporting also-rans is hard on the nervous system.

All three, like men sweeping the snow away from in front of the barn so they could have a good old-fashioned scuffle when the sun came out, did the usual and appropriate thing when they announced their candidacy.

They issued a sort of general statement of what they were for and what they were against. And if what they said may seem vague to some, that isn't unusual in the preliminary statements to presidential candidates.

They still have plenty of time to get more specific so the voters will know where each man stands precisely, although the behind-the-scenes job of lining up the support of the professional politicians may well be the deciding factor in this Republican race.

On the subject of more economy in running the government, a subject which the Republicans have been talking about for years, all three men are agreed. They say more economy is needed.

This year the scandals in government—contrary to the statement, or perhaps it's only the hope, of President Truman—will be a strong talking point in the campaign, as all three of the Republicans have already made clear. All lean toward a government clean-up is needed.

The field of foreign affairs will probably provide the greatest opportunity for oratory in the campaign ahead—and the greatest chance for any candidate to show in some detail just what kind of constructive leadership he could provide.

Warren says he is no isolationist and "we must help our friends of the free world... defend themselves."

Taft, who says he is no isolationist either, although Democratic Senator McMahon of Connecticut says that's what he really is, announced that he doesn't "go along with those who think this country can withdraw from its own shores."

Stassen, who said isolation was a thing of the past when he ran for the presidency in 1948, wants to oppose and defeat Communism without a world war, which is pretty much what everyone else wants.

Since few voters keep day-to-day scrap books on what candidates, whether Democrats or Republicans, have to say and what their critics say, and all the candidates have a lot to say, there ought to be quite a bit of confusion by election time on all sides.

Cause of Mine Disaster Probed

West Frankfort, Ill., Dec. 27 (AP)—Federal and state investigators seeking the cause of the West Frankfort mine explosion that killed 119 men were expected to complete the on-the-scene phase of their inquiry today.

Meanwhile there was no indication of a mass work stoppage by the nation's coal miners as a memorial to the blast victims.

Some 30 investigators, including company and union representatives, went back down into the blast-torn tunnels of the mine today.

One Arkansas coal mine remained shut down today. Workers left their jobs at two mines yesterday after telling management of a "five-day" demand. But miners returned to one of them today.

Miners who were off the job yesterday at New Kensington, Pa., and Torre Haute, Ind., returned to work today.

John L. Lewis, 71-year-old president of the United Mine Workers, accompanied the investigators party into the mine again today. He said yesterday he had reached some "definite conclusions" but he would not elaborate.

Car Output Is Near the Record

Detroit, Dec. 27 (AP)—A final 1951 production total of 6,752,000 cars and trucks—second highest in history—was predicted today by Automotive News.

The trade paper said that by the end of this week United States plants will have turned out 5,335,000 cars and 1,417,000 trucks.



ITALY SHOWS HER JETS—Italy's new Fiat G-80 jet fighter takes off on its first flight test at Foggia military airport. Equipped with a British DeHavilland turbo-jet engine, the G-80 climbed 20,000 feet in eight minutes, gained a horizontal speed of 550 miles per hour. The jet is about 39 feet long, has wing span of 33 feet.



BEWARE BEAUTIFUL SPIES—This sign, outside a Republic of Korea army command tent shows a ROK soldier being pumped up by military secrets by a woman spy. Surrounding them are symbolic eyes, mouths and ears. The Korean text warns ROK soldiers against spies.

Reaction Is Stassen Won't Scare Ike

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen's announcement as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination brought differing reaction today as to whether Gen. Eisenhower also will get into the GOP race.

Backers of Eisenhower for the No. 1 place on the party ticket insisted anew the general will be available. They said Stassen's bid has not changed the situation.

Sen. Moody (D-Mich.), on the other hand, declared the principal implication in Stassen's announcement was that "Eisenhower will not run as a Republican."

Stassen himself said in announcing his candidacy last night that he was authorizing no "assumption or conclusion" as to what Eisenhower's plans may be.

Stassen, who recently conferred with the general in Paris, repeatedly turned aside reporters' questions regarding what was said at that meeting. He described the conference as "personal in nature."

Stassen announced formally in a Philadelphia speech. The questions about Eisenhower came up at an earlier news conference he held in Washington.

Former governor of Minnesota and now president of the University of Pennsylvania, Stassen did say: "I am in the race without any commitment to any other person."

But that didn't stop politicians from raising and debating these questions:

1. Did Stassen decide to bid for the nomination because of any indication from Eisenhower that he would not be a candidate?

2. Did Stassen announce with the intention of throwing his support to Eisenhower at the party convention next July in a possible move to keep the nomination from going to Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio?

3. Is Stassen anticipating a Taft-Eisenhower deadlock that might swing the nomination to him?

Supporters of Eisenhower, who had kept publicly silent as to whether he will be a candidate, reportedly felt in advance of Stassen's announcement it would be interpreted by some as an indication Eisenhower had told Stassen he would not run.

When Stassen did announce, the general's backers promptly went to work in an effort to nullify any such conclusion.

Sen. Lodge of Massachusetts, campaign manager for the Eisenhower for President Republican group, put out this statement:

"I can assert authoritatively that nothing happened at the conference between Eisenhower and Stassen to justify any inference that Eisenhower would not be a candidate."

Knohl's Race License Is Revoked

New Orleans, Dec. 28 (UPI)—Louisiana Racing commission officials said today the license of Larry Knohl was revoked because he gave false information in his application.

This disclosure came shortly after it was announced that the internal revenue department had slapped Knohl, totaling \$97,519.28 against Knohl, who has 11 age horses stabled at the Fair Grounds track here.

Knohl, a resident of Long Island N. J., figured in testimony given the house tax investigating committee. Investigators were told he bought an airplane through T. Lamar Caudle, ousted special assistant attorney general, letting the cashiered official pick up a quick \$5,000 profit on the deal.

The racing commission said it took away Knohl's license because he claimed he had never been arrested or convicted of a felony. Knohl told the house committee he once was convicted of embezzlement.

Montaine, records at the Orleans parish (county) office showed Knohl borrowed \$30,000 on the horses from Charles Cortese. Cortese said he had "no comment" to Knohl's horses included "The make on the loan."

Battler, a colt ranked by some as a fine prospect, "Staircase," another colt with a future, and Phonedate, Cardsharp, Quick Deal, Price Picaro, Two and Six, Combray, Miss Natalie, Bessie G., and Red's Girl.

Doctor Admits Raping Woman Polio Victim

Seattle, Dec. 28 (AP)—A King County hospital doctor-interne has been charged with raping a 22-year-old mother while she lay partially paralyzed with polio and under the influence of a sedative.

The crime has been admitted by Dr. Roy B. Patton, 29, in a signed confession. He is a former resident of Columbus, O., is married and the father of two children. He came here from Ohio State University last July after receiving "outstanding" recommendations.

The woman told officials the attack occurred Dec. 20. Deputy Prosecutor John L. Vogel said. She related that Dr. Patton administered a sedative and returned later to attack her. The doctor said he returned after allowing what he thought was time for the sedative to take effect.

The woman said she was conscious, however, and had groaned, trying vainly to attract attention of nurses. Police were called the following night when her husband visited her and she told him of the incident. He has taken her from the hospital.

Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll filed the rape charge yesterday and also petitioned the court that the doctor be declared a sexual psychopath.

This would result in the doctor being confined to an institution for an indefinite period for treatment. If the request is denied, the rape charge will maintain.

Wooten to Again Head Bank Board

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—Wooten, president of the First National Bank of Little Rock has been reappointed yesterday by the FHA Bank Board as Vice Chairman W. P. Gully of Little Rock.

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Lang to Tell of Shooting

Beverly Hills, Calif., Dec. 28 (AP)—Actor's agent Jennings Lang will give his version today of how he was gunned by producer Walter Wagner last Dec. 13 in front of Wagner's wife actress Joan Bennett.

Adolph Alexander deputy district attorney, said a detailed statement will be taken from Lang some time today.

Lang's lawyer, J. H. Jake Ehrlich of San Francisco, arrived yesterday to confer with the agent, recuperating from a bullet wound in the groin.

Wagner had been arraigned in nearby Santa Monica and will enter his plea to the charge of intent to commit murder Jan. 7 in the same court. He is at liberty under \$5,000 bond.

The producer told police after shooting Lang that the agent "was breaking up my home." Miss Bennett and Lang, however, have denied that their relationship was other than agent and client.

The dodo bird, a large flightless pigeon that used to live on the island of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, became extinct during the 17th century.

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Calendar

Saturday, December 29

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pool, Sr. Mr. Martin Pool, Jr., Mr. Luther Holman, and Mrs. C. B. Cox will entertain with a rehearsal supper for the McPherson-Gray wedding party on Saturday night, Dec. 29, at the family home.

Sunday, December 30

The wedding of Miss Patsy McPherson and James Ransome Gray of Texarkana will be solemnized Sunday afternoon, December 30, at 4 o'clock in the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. John P. Vesey will entertain with a breakfast for Miss Patsy McPherson, bride-elect of James R. Gray, of Texarkana, Sunday morning, Dec. 30, at the Barlow Hotel at 8:45.

Wednesday, January 2

Circle No. 3 of the First Christian Church will meet Wednesday, Jan. 2, in the home of Mrs. G. B. Morris with Mrs. Ted Jones, circle leader, presiding over the business session. Mrs. Wm. P. Hardgrove will be the leader of the program, and the lesson will be the next chapter in the study course.

Anthony Family Reunion

The Anthony's annual Christmas family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anthony, Murfreesboro, Monday, Dec. 24.

The house was decorated throughout with the Christmas motif with the lighted Christmas tree being the center of interest.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Anthony, Rebecca Graydon Jr., and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford White and Phillip Lee Mr. and Mrs. Horace Anthony, Alice Ann, Andrea Kay, and Carol all of Hope, Dr. and Mrs. Marion Mabry of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anthony, Marilyn and Mark of Hot Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Carroll, Tony and Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anthony and Anita, and Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony of Murfreesboro.

Miss Barbara Ross Entertains With Dinner
Miss Barbara Ross of Little Rock entertained a number of her friends with a dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Ross, Dec. 26 at 7 o'clock.

The two course dinner was served to the following: Miss Virginia Mitchell and Miss Pat Middlebrooks of Columbus, Miss Betty

Sanders of Little Rock, Miss Wanda Spears, Miss Margaret Sparks, Miss Vivian Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Ross and the hostess.

Homecoming Held

At Walker Home

A homecoming was held on Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Robert Walker, Sr. of Hope. Those present for the occasion were: Mr. Robert Walker, Sr., Mr. Clarence Walker, USN, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, Jr. and son, Robert III, of Hope, Rev. and Patsy, and Jimmy of Magnolia, Mrs. Charles Walker and children Mrs. Jeanette Parsons and Mr. Jewell Burns of Hope, Mr. Harry Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell May and Desiree, Mrs. Pearl Sheppard of Patmos, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sewell and children, Venora and Don of Lewisville.

Coming and Going

Judge E. S. McFaddin of Little Rock will spend the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gillespie and will celebrate his birthday here.

Boyce Sterling of Dallas, Texas, was the holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sterling. While here he and his parents motored to Haynesville to visit his sister, Mrs. Ray Marks.

Miss Betty Lou Roberts left this morning for Tyler, Texas, after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Kenneth Wood, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lowthorp are spending the Christmas holidays with Charles Lowthorp in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Munn and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fuller and children, Binky and Lanelle, have returned to their home after visiting with their son and brother, Hugh Munn and family in Midland, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Westbrook, Jr. of Monticello are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Westbrook, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. W. White.

Mr. Howard Harrell of Little Rock, Mrs. J. C. Steger of Prescott and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hamilton, Sr. of Prescott were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrell last evening and attended the DeMolay meeting at which time Rodney Hamilton, Jr. of Prescott

Schooling Not Hurt by TV

Cincinnati, Dec. 27 (AP)—Don't tell junior this, but a survey report said today that "the school performance of children is unaffected by whether or not they have television sets in their homes."

Dr. Raymond F. McCoy, director of the Xavier University graduate division, made known the findings of the Xavier survey at a luncheon here for educators and members of the press.

The study, made possible by a grant from the Crosley Broadcasting Corp., undertook to find the answers to two specific questions: How do children who have television sets at home compare with other children in school achievement, and do children having sets at home do better school work when their parents closely control their television?

Walter C. Clarke, assistant professor of education, conducted the sampling.

Nearly 1,000 children in the sixth and seventh grades of 16 representative public and parochial schools in the Cincinnati area participated.

In comparing the achievement of the children who had TV sets in their homes and those who didn't, Clarke reported his study yielded no appreciable difference. He found, too, that parental control of television habits was no great factor in the children's school work.

But Clarke warned that television like any recreation, "can be used to excess which may result in damage to physical well-being and mental alertness."

Locate Brother After 22 Years

Fort Smith, Dec. 28 (AP)—Two Arkansas women have located a brother from whom they've been separated for 22 years. Now they are looking forward to seeing him.

Mrs. J. H. Vinsant of Ft. Smith said her brother, Frank Wilson, a Stamford, N. L., construction worker, telephoned her last night.

"We talked about things from 'way back' she said. 'It was my brother—I just knew it was.'"

She said Wilson said he would come to see her and that they are to arrange details in letters.

Mrs. Vinsant and her sister, Mrs. Roger Selby of Van Buren, have been looking for their brother since their family was separated when their parents died in 1929.

Radio Station SWTC in Stamford located Wilson and arranged last night's call. Mrs. Vinsant described it as "the happiest moment in my life."

She said this was the first time she had talked with her brother over a telephone.

Wilson's first words to his sister last night were: "This is your brother, Frank—how are you after 22 years?"

MoPac Income Shows a Drop

St. Louis, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Missouri Pacific Railroad has reported a net income of \$10,737,590 for the first 11 months of this year, a drop from \$15,332,104 for the same period of 1950.

Net income for November, 1941, was \$1,314,206—\$496,379 less than during the same month last year. The railroad attributed part of the over-all decline to last summer's floods which destroyed property and reduced passengers and freight service.

DeMolay Chapter gave the flower talk.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Finney of Helena, Oklahoma, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Russell, Jr. have returned to their home in Dallas, Texas, after spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrell and Mrs. Lois Russell and other relatives.

Cary Castle has returned from Wellsville, Mo., where he visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castle.

Mrs. Hazel Castle and Miss Ora Mae Moody returned Wednesday after spending the holidays in Waldo, Ark.

Hospital Notes

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Admitted: Mrs. M. J. Porter, Hope, Miss Donald Ratcliff, Fulton, Mrs. H. D. Smith, Hope, Mrs. J. D. Hines, Hope, Mr. Kirby Gleghorn, Hope.

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PEGGY DOW gets a hug from the starlet GIGI PERREAU in this scene from Universal-International's "REUNION IN RENO."



LID OF LEARNING—University students at Milan, Italy, worry through final exams, too, but they pin their faith on long-billed "study hats." School tradition calls for the greatest number of lucky charms possible to be attached to the hat brim. Here, a girl student admires the well-filled hat of a fellow student.

DOROTHY DIX

Sleep Is Essential

Dear Miss Dix: I have two daughters, aged 19 and 24. I think three nights a week is enough for dating. They both work, and it's too hard for them to get up in the morning. I have asked them to bring their friends here for an evening, then have them leave early. Am I wrong? I want to be fair about this.

M. A. H.

Answer: You are entirely right in your assumption that your daughters need more sleep, but how you can convince them of the fact is another problem. A steady routine of going out every night, coming in late, getting insufficient sleep, is bound to take its toll in haggard looks, sluggish minds and bad dispositions.

Dear Miss Dix: For thirty-five years my husband and I were happy. Three years ago he met a girl, young enough to be his daughter, with whom he spent a great deal of time. A year ago he had a serious operation, is now chronically ill and probably will never be much better. I am so unhappy because I keep thinking of this girl and how she made a fool of him. He almost lost his business because of her, but I kept it going for him.

R. S.

Answer: You must stop brooding over something that is definitely in the past. If every wife was as unforgiving over a mistake as you, the world would be much more strewn with broken marriages than it is now. Your husband I am sure, regrets his folly and you can do no less than forgive it.

Age Difference Unimportant
Dear Miss Dix: I have been dating a boy 22 years old—three years my junior. I am a nurse, and he recently joined the Army. Do you think we could be happily married?

L. T.

Answer: This difference is not great enough to interfere with a happy marriage. The Army has a maturing influence on men, anyway, so you'll find him soon up to you in emotional—If not calendar—years.

Dear Miss Dix: I am 18 and

Would Tax Reds in This Country

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 27 (AP)—The national commander of the Marine Corps League wants the U. S. to tax Communists in this country to pay the fines Hungary assessed against four American officers.

John R. O'Brien of Passaic, N. J., said yesterday he sent a suggestion to Rep. Canfield (R-N.J.) congress enact legislation at the next session imposing the tax.

Truman Heads to Washington With Budget

Independence, Mo., Dec. 28 (AP)—President Truman heads back to Washington today with the steel strike threat of his mind, temporarily at least, but with budget worries bearing down on him.

He had an important session scheduled with military officials on the defense spending figures for the fiscal year beginning next July 1, almost immediately after his arrival in Washington this afternoon.

He has called that part of the budget the most troublesome he has encountered in 16 years as Senator and President. The budget will be presented to Congress soon after the lawmakers go back to work Jan. 8.

The trip back to Washington, aboard the White House plane Independence, closes out a Christmas holiday trip home which began on Christmas Eve.

Yesterday's decision by the CIO Steelworkers' wage policy committee to keep their men at work pending a union convention at Atlantic City Jan. 3 took an immediate load off the President's mind.

"The President said he was 'happy' and 'hopeful' over the development, but just how much ultimate effect the decision will have was an open question."

Nobody in the White House would say whether there was any sort of assurance what will happen after Jan. 8. Thus, as far as the public record is concerned, all that has happened is a two-day postponement of the steel stoppage originally set for New Year's Day.

Mr. Truman telephoned a statement to Joseph H. Short, press secretary. The presidential statement said:

"I am happy there will be no steel strike on Jan. 1 and I am hopeful there will be no strike at all."

The President has told union and management that production must keep going. He has said also that he will use the Taft-Hartley act, with its provision for anti-labor injunctions in emergency labor disputes, or any other power of the presidency, to keep the vital industry going.

Neither Mrs. Truman nor daughter Margaret was on the Independence's passenger list for the return flight to Washington. Margaret flew out with her father, Mrs. Truman had been here several days in advance and planned to stay a while.

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Russia Agrees to Assept Kennan

Washington, Dec. 27 (AP)—Russia has agreed to accept George F. Kennan as the new U. S. Ambassador to Russia, almost at the same time denouncing him as a foe of the Soviets.

President Truman announced at Kansas City last night the selection of the 47-year-old career diplomat, who is credited with being a principal author of the present American policy of containment to counter the threat of Communist aggression.

Kennan will succeed former Rear Adm. Alan G. Kirk, who is requested for retirement Presidential Secretary Joseph Short said Mr. Truman accepted with reluctance.

The announcement was made after the Kremlin orally informed the White House that Kennan would be acceptable. There had been some speculation that he would be turned down. It arose after attacks on him by both Pravda and Radio Moscow, the latest only yesterday.

Kennan, former State Department counselor and recently chief of Secretary of State Acheson's policy planning staff, now is in league with the Princeton University Institute for Advanced Studies. He is expected to take over the ambassadorship probably in April.

Short said his nomination would be submitted to the Senate for confirmation soon after Congress reconvenes. There has been no indication of opposition to Kennan. Mr. Truman said last month he was under consideration.

Kennan has had long experience in dealing with the Soviets, previous service in the embassy at Moscow, and speaks the Russian language fluently.

Officials wrote off the Communist attacks on him as a new instance of the manner in which Moscow seizes opportunities to make propaganda. They expressed doubt that Kennan would be more handicapped in dealing with the Kremlin than were the seven other men who have headed the American mission to Moscow since the U. S. extended diplomatic recognition to the Soviet regime in 1933.

Pravda, the official Communist party newspaper, yesterday called him a supporter of anti-Soviet organizations and listed among these the East European Fund of the Ford Foundation, from which Kennan resigned Nov. 23. Officials said he was concerned only with aid for refugees from the Soviet bloc and not with any anti-Russian activities.

On Dec. 3, Radio Moscow pictured Kennan as a foe of the Soviets. It listed him, along with former Ambassadors Khrushchev and W. Averell Harriman, as "shady persons who are usually spies of long standing."

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Plan Aired to Pool Military Strength

Paris, Dec. 27 (AP)—Leaders of six European countries meet today to devise a plan for pooling their military strength into a single, one-uniform continental army.

They have several points of agreement on which compromise must be worked out.

The best guess was that the would be successful on a compromise agreement to create a high commissioner job that would make one man a sort of European defense minister. His job would be to recruit a European army of 40 divisions in the next three years.

France and Italy would provide 12 divisions each. Germany's proposed 14 divisions and the five from the Benelux countries—Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg—would be stripped down versions of not more than 13,000 men each.

They would be merged into international corps and armies and their supply lines would be strictly international.

Optimism that agreement would be reached was based mainly on reports that the French would be willing to compromise simply to get the European army formed.

The French seem to think organizational differences can be worked out after a trial period of one or three years of actual practice.

Two main differences confront the delegates in addition to the comparatively minor problem of whether the European army shall be based by a single high commissioner or a governing body of defense ministers of all six nations.

The main points are: (1) whether to draft a common budget for the army and levy taxes against the six countries to finance it; and (2) whether to allow any of the six member countries to exercise veto power over plans for army expansion or operation.

Belgian Premier Paul Van Zeeland has been planning for a plan that would allow each country to contribute troops, at its own expense and retain authority to withdraw them at will.

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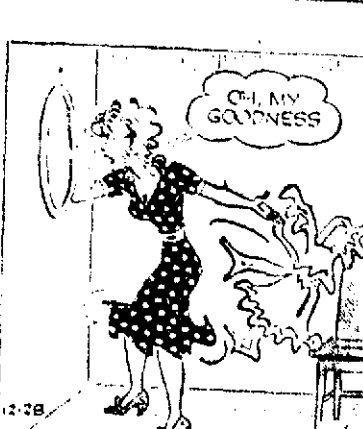
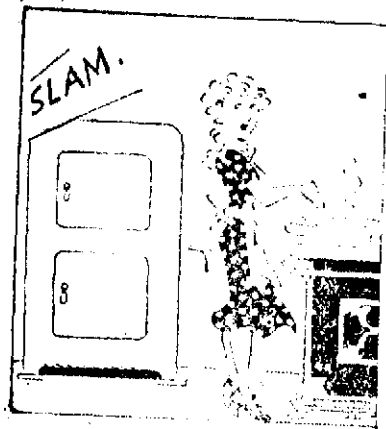
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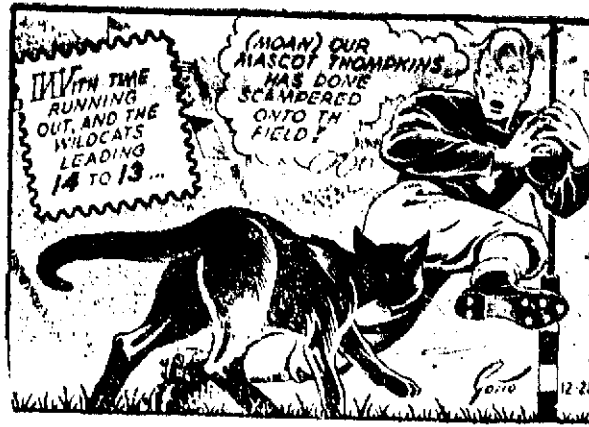
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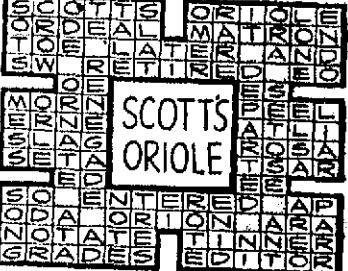


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Feathered Creature

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depicted bird
 - 9 Lilted
 - 13 Musical composition
 - 14 Egg-shaped
 - 15 Make lace
 - 16 Heaps
 - 18 Japanese
 - 19 Thoron (symbol)
 - 20 Vends again
 - 22 Psyche part
 - 23 Hideous monster
 - 25 Possess
 - 27 Encounter
 - 28 Fruit drinks
 - 29 Toward
 - 30 Written form of Mister
 - 31 Measure of area
 - 32 Branch office (ab.)
 - 33 Remain
 - 35 Falsehoods
 - 38 Inactive
 - 39 Volcano in Sicily
 - 40 "Sunshine State" (ab.)
 - 41 Ten-year periods
 - 47 Not (prefix)
 - 48 Gratitude
 - 50 Speeder
 - 51 Mineral rock
 - 52 Ireland
 - 54 Superintends
 - 56 Nevada city
 - 57 Calmest
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Lowest part
 - 2 Fruit

Answer to Previous Puzzle



OUT OUR WAY

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THE BRAG

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



FUNNY BUSINESS

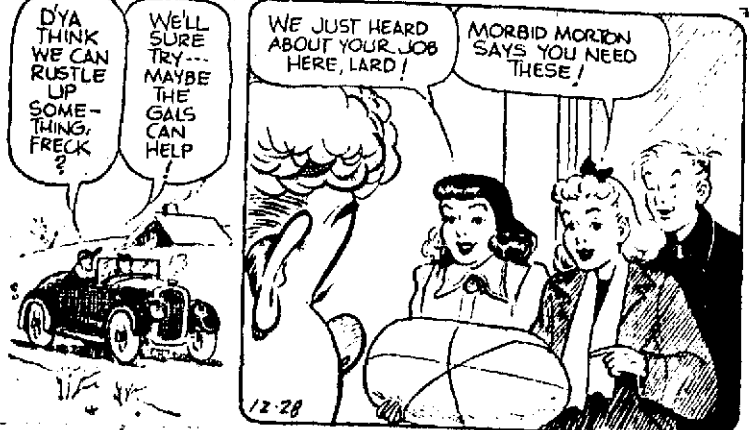
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"I'll give you a check, but don't cash it till next week!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

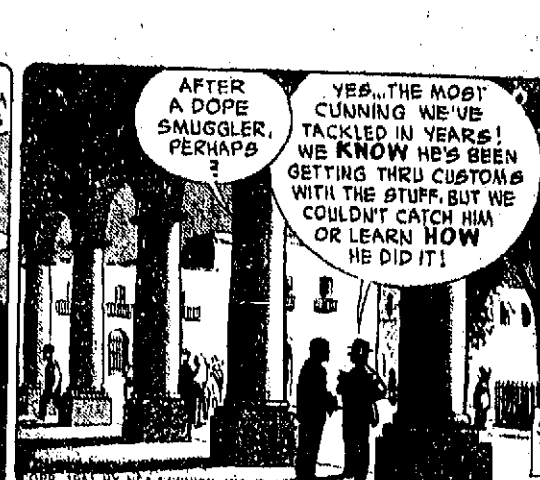
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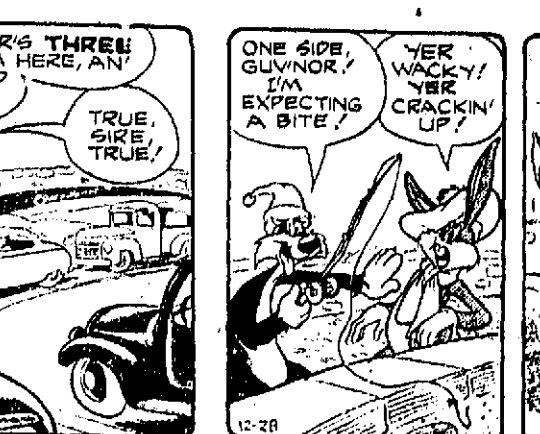
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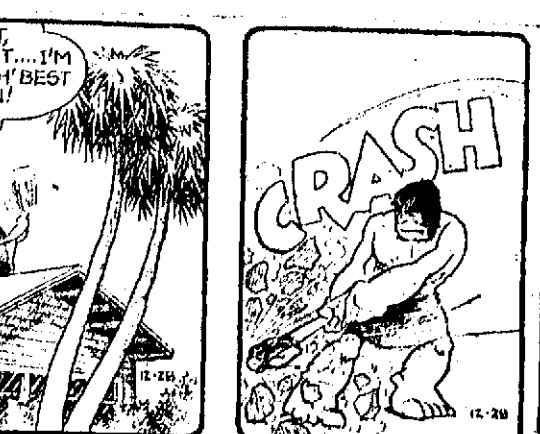
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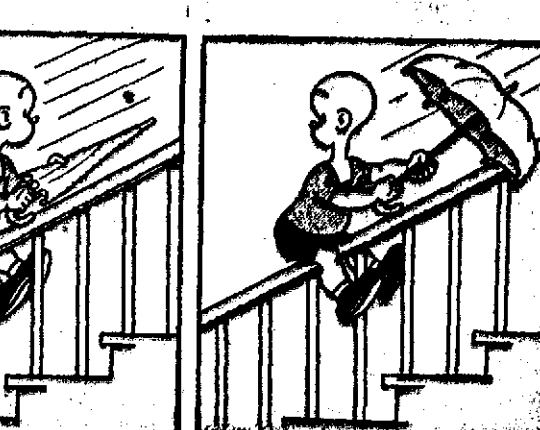
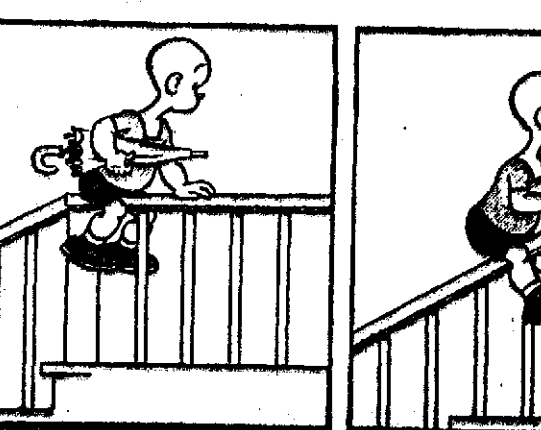
ALLEY OOF



CHRIS WELKIN, Planeteer



HENRY



CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"What assurance have we that once it's installed it won't start raving about some other set that's better than it is?"

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"What do you know! I just waited on a soldier who didn't pull a baby picture on me!"

